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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION MAILED 3/25/05

Dear Sir:

Attached for your records please find a paper copy of our prior Response to the Office Action of July 13, 2004, as it was mailed first class mail with Certificate of Mailing on October 13, 2004, received in the Patent Office on October 18, 2004. This copy comports with both the paper copies and the electronic record in our files.

Greg Vidovich, in your offices, was very helpful and gave this issue some attention in your absence. He recited to me over the phone that your "scanned" electronic record of the amended claim 1, line 7, does not recite "upstream of the pump water manifold inlet"? Rather it recites "upstream of a pump water manifold inlet"!!

Neither Greg nor I can understand how the word "the" in the amended portion of claim 1 line 7 became an "a" in your scanned portion. And judging from your Office Communication mailed 3/25/5 this error in the scanned copy happened in the amended portion of each independent claim, that is in claims 1, 9, 16 and 17.

There were other odd errors in the scanned copy of the claims that Greg noted.

I have been told that the scanning is now out-sourced and that the original paper copy submitted is discarded. We can submit affidavits, therefore, if helpful, to the effect that the copy now being faxed to you was exactly what was submitted on 10/13/4.

If you review the faxed copy, you will see that the Office Communication of 3/25/05 was unnecessary. Applicant did not have a separate recitation of a water pump manifold inlet yielding a recitation of two pump manifolds. Rather, independent claims

1, 9, 16 and 17 as amended recited a water pump having "a" manifold inlet and subsequent lines in the claim made reference to "the" pump manifold inlet.

May I request that you fax to me a copy of the claims as you now carry them electronically, your official copy. I should like to check for any and all discrepancies that could lead both of us to waste time and could lead to the wrong set of claims being prosecuted!

You can also, of course, compare the paper copy resubmitted to you with what you have in your word processing system. I should just like to double check.

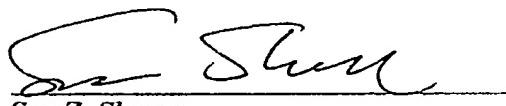
Unfortunately, at least at this time, it appears to be in the best interest of a patentee to make this check with every amendment. Within the last two months a design patent examiner requested that I resubmit drawings. The originals had been "scanned incorrectly." She is the one who informed me that the scanning is now out-sourced and that the paper copies are thrown away.

If you have the time, since I alone have run into two instances within the last two months of "erroneous scanning," in particular of the claims section of an application, I wish that you could bring this to the attention of those who supervise these matters. If you would send me a name and address, I will also bring it to their attention. I think that the paper copies need to be retained.

In conclusion, Applicant submits that there is, and has been, no lack of being fully responsive to the prior Office Action. This is clear when the proper claims attachment, as submitted, is reviewed. If affidavits to that effect are required, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

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